



# Spirit of the Mountains

## 2003 PHOTO CONTEST

*Share the wonder of  
Santa Monica Mountains  
National Recreation Area  
with others. Enter the  
Spirit of the Mountains  
Photo Contest. Let your  
photographic imagination  
capture the essence of  
this hidden jewel.*

### **Entry Requirements**

Open to amateur photographers only.

Submit only photos of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Digital or film prints are acceptable.

Entries accepted August 1 – August 31, 2003.

### **Categories**

1. **Plants** (such as flowers or trees)
2. **Animals** (such as reptiles, mammals or insects)
3. **Scenic Shots** (such as scenic vistas, seasons, or water)
4. **Photographer's Choice (choose one sub-category)**
  - a. **Creative** (includes manipulated photos, double exposure, macro close-ups, and patterns in nature)
  - b. **People in Parklands** (such as people engaged in recreational or cultural activities)
  - c. **Black and White** (including sepia)
  - d. **12 and Under** (photos taken by children 12 years or younger)

### **Winning Entries**

First, second, and third place winners are possible in the Plants, Animals and Scenic Shots categories. Only one first, one second, one third place winner, and one honorable mention will be distributed among the four sub-categories of the Photographer's Choice category.

### **Prizes**

First place winners will be published in *OUTDOORS* (our quarterly calendar of events and programs with an average circulation of 30,000 issues). Second and Third place winners may have a small inset photo published in *OUTDOORS* if space permits.

Entries will be exhibited from September 20 until November 24, 2003 at the National Park Service Visitor Center.

*See reverse side for additional information*

Entry Form (please print clearly)

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Category check one:

☐ Plants

☐ Animals

☐ Scenic Shots

☐ Photographer's Choice circle a sub-category:

Creative

People in Parklands

Black and White

12 and Under

Photo Location

Photo equipment used

Title of Entry (optional)

Signature

My signature on this entry verifies that I have read and will comply with the *Rules & Regulations* for this contest. The rules and regulations are on the park website and listed below.

Phone

Email

Rules & Regulations

- Amateur photographers only.
- Paid employees of the National Park Service are excluded from contest participation.
- Digital or film prints are acceptable.
- Photos can be taken on federal, state, county, city, or other public agency property, so long as the photo depicts something within the boundary of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.
- Demonstrate good stewardship of the mountains by entering photos that depict approved visitor use and park resource protection per administering agency regulations.
- Winning photos that will be published in the *OUTDOORS* may need to be altered to fit the publication format. The winners will be asked to submit their original digital file or film and will need to sign a limited release authorizing the use of their photo for the *OUTDOORS*.
- If people are visible in winning photos, the photographer will need to have releases from those people before the photo can be published in the *OUTDOORS*. Release forms will be available at the National Park Service Visitor Center and at the park website.
- If a house or building is clearly identifiable in a photo, it too needs to have a release from the owner before publication.
- We will attempt to exhibit all entries, but the number may be curtailed due to space limitations. In the event of limited entries in a particular category, some categories may be merged.
- We will make every possible effort to safeguard the prints in our secure headquarters building, but we can not be responsible in case of natural disaster or other unforeseen events.
- We are not responsible for mailed entries that may be lost or damaged in transit.

Print Return

Entries can be picked up at the National Park Service Visitor Center from November 25, 2003 until December 31, 2003. Any entry not picked up by December 31, 2003 becomes the property of the National Park Service.

Submission Format

- Submit entry as a matted print. Prints (excluding mat) can range from 8" x 8" up to 11" x 17."
- Use one entry form per print. Cut out entry form and loosely attach it by one piece of tape to the back of the print.
- Photographers can submit up to two entries per category or sub-category. Each photographer is limited to a maximum of six entries total for the entire contest.
- Entries must be submitted in person or by mail between August 1 through August 31, 2003 at the National Park Service Visitor Center, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, 401 West Hillcrest, Thousand Oaks 91360, Attention: Photo Contest Dept.

Announcement of Winners

Winners will be announced and ribbons will be awarded at the exhibit opening on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at 2 p.m. All entrants will be awarded a certificate of participation.

Brief biographies and photographs of the winning photographers along with information about how/where the shot was taken and type of photo equipment used will be requested for inclusion in the *OUTDOORS* issues featuring the winning entries.

Exhibit Dates

Entries will be exhibited for two months at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Thousand Oaks, CA. The exhibit opens on September 20, and closes November 24, 2003.

For More Entry Forms

This form may be photocopied. Additional forms available at the National Park Service Visitor Center and the park website: [www.nps.gov/samo/photo](http://www.nps.gov/samo/photo)